Indian Airlines have accumulated losses to the tune of Rs. 650 crores during the last three years; and

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor and how far it is attributed to high entertainment expenses ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The losses were mainly due to the following reasons :—

(i) A fare structure that did not fully offset increase in input costs.

(ii) Increase in price of aviation turbine fuel from time to time.

(iii) Absorption of heavy incidence of fixed expenses associated with the newly acquired A-320 fleet.

(iv) Depreciation in exchange value of the rupee.

(v) Emergence of air taxi operators resulting in the fall of traffic hitherto carried by Indian Airlines, particularly on the profitable trunk routes.

(vi) Pilots' agitation/strike from October, 1992 to January, 1993.

Entertainment expenses during the last three years have been a negligible proportion of the total expenses.

Aviation Proposals with Russia

2530. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the proposals finalised during the Indo-Russian Working Group on aviation which took place in Moscow; and

(b) what steps are taken to implement these proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No proposal relating to air services agreement was finalised during the meeting of the Indo-Russian Sub-group on Transport held in Moscow during 26th November to 2nd December, 1994.

(b) Does not arise.

पर्यटकों की भारत-यात्राएं

2531. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों में प्रत्येक वर्ष कुल जितने विदेशी पर्यटकों ने भारत की यात्रा की और उससे कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की गई ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि देश में वातावरण के अशांत होने के कारण चालू पर्यटन मौसम में विदेशी मुद्रा के अर्जन पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान विदेशी पर्यटक आगमन और उससे अनुमानित अर्जित विदेशी मुद्रा नीचे दिए गए अनुसार थी :—

वर्ष	पर्यटक आगमन	अर्जित विदेशी मुद्रा (रु० करोड़ में)
1991-92	17,81,892	3318.62
1992-93	18,20,239	3989.50
1993-94	18,71,262	4572.71

(ख) और (ग) कुछ स्थानों पर प्लेग के प्रभाव और उससे पर्यटक प्रजनन वाले देशों में हुए प्रतिकूल प्रचार ने अक्तूबर और नवम्बर 1994 के दौरान पर्यटन अर्जन को प्रभावित किया था । यह अनुमान है कि इसके कारण विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जन में 350 करोड़ रु. से अधिक की हानि हुई ।

Non-Utilisation of Funds for Tourism Development

2532. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the funds allocated by Government for tourism development were not utilised by the State Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;